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Selectmen's Minutes 05-11-2009

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Rowe.
Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Requests: 3 One Day Beer & Wine Licenses: 6/5/09, 6/6/09, 6/7/09

Hang Banner Across Pleasant Street

Appleton Place Between Mass. Ave. & Burton St. Designated "One Way"

Rev. Professor Nicholas M. Kastanas PhD., St. Athanasius the Great

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Report to Town Meeting: Article 18 Bylaw Amendment/Animal Control

Ms. Rowe presented an updated Green Dog Plan, to be a pilot program for one year with evaluation. She asked the Selectmen to vote approval so that it can be discussed at Town Meeting. Ms. Rowe stated the Town has a problem already with off leash dogs and although it is not a perfect plan, it is a way of offering the Town parks as multi use recreational areas and therefore eliminates the off leash dog problems. Ms. Rowe further explained the plan included 13 parks where dogs are already a problem in Town and that Brookline's program for dog parks was used as a model. Ms. Rowe thanked everyone involved in this plan process and said if it gets to Town Meeting and passes that it will not begin until September. The Selectmen discussed the various concerns and merits of the pilot program and agreed it was a very contentious issue that would never be solved to please everyone.

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (3-2)

Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

7:15 p.m.

These items were heard at the end and Mr. Greeley, Ms. LaCourt, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Rice left for Town Meeting.

3. a. Board of Survey

Hill Park Drive (formerly 50 Washington Street)

(all abutters notified)

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the June 8th meeting so that the whole Board is present.

SO VOTED (3-0)

b. Board of Survey

Lee Terrace



(all abutters notified)

Attorney Keshian presented the Board of Survey for Lee Terrace and stated that all abutters were in approval (signed a petition) of the project except for one. Attorney Keshian pointed out that town vehicles, emergency vehicles, and residents have been navigating the terrace without any problems-even though it is narrow. He also pointed out there are houses already in existence on the road that were approved earlier and that the widest part of the street is where the two family is planned.

Mr. Stotik, 25 Amsden St., commented that the old clay sewer pipe can't support the additional services and wanted to know who's responsible for the cost of repairs. Mr. Rademacher responded that it is the Engineering Department's understanding that the sewer line will be tied to an abutting private sewer line. Furthermore, the owner applicant will have to prove that the sewer line can handle the added capacity later in the building process.

Mrs. Kariadakis, 15 Lee Terrace, approves of the project overall but has concern with the sewer hook up (already have had 2 major breaks since 1972) and street damage (just paved in the last few years).

Ms. Shona Stadad, 21 Lee Terrace, stated she supports the project but has concern with sewer hook up, trees being cut down (2 big oak trees), and roadway surface damage.

Mr. Mackey, builder for the project, stated that the project would be using an independent easement to another street for sewer hook up and big truck access.

After discussion by the Selectmen, it was recommended to table the hearing.

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the June 8th meeting so that the whole Board is present.

SO VOTED (3-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

These items were taken out of order and all Selectmen were present for the discussions and votes.

4. Request: Residential Handicap Parking@ 75 Park Ave. Extension

Paul Robinson

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Request: On Street Overnight Parking @ 29-31 Wellington Street

Deb Gowen CNM, Ann Abbott CNM

Mr. Hurd moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Selectmen's Discussion: Mass. Ave. Corridor Project

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mr. Greeley stated that he wanted the Board to discuss the next steps to move forward with the project and mentioned how rude it was for residents to telephone on Mother's Day with complaints about the Mass. Ave. project.

After much discussion among the Selectmen, Town Engineer, Michael Rademacher, and Project Manager, John Michalak the Selectmen agreed unanimously that the current plan is not acceptable. There are a number of issues still to be resolved and data studies to be completed.

Ms. LaCourt moved to re-discuss this project after new data and information is gathered and lane options are reviewed along with asking for the Mass. Ave. Advisory Committee comments.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Approval: MWRA Loans

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Brett & Aimee Miller 11 Pond Lane	Pedestrian Safety on Pond Lane and Spy Pond Parkway	Be Rec'd
Dirk R. Casagrande, P.E. 40 Massachusetts Avenue	Mass. Ave. Corridor Project April 28 th Meeting	Be Rec'd
Jodi Manus 21 Morningside Drive	Stop Sign Request Corner of Windmill Lane and Morningside Drive	Be Rec'd
Jack Hayward Fidelfo Guide Dog Foundation	Fidelfo Guide Dogs and Off Leash Dogs	Be Rec'd

Franchise Sales Registration

Adam J. DeFilippo
Franchise Manager
Verizon Video

Contact Information Change

Be Rec'd

Brian P. O'Connor, Chair
Winchester
Board of Selectmen

Alewife Brook Clean Up

Be Rec'd

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Rowe moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

Next meeting of BOS May 18, 2009.